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Annual Report

TO THE
Trustees of Shaw University


AND TO THE
Corresponding Secretary of the
American Baptist Home
Mission Society

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RALEIGH, N. C., May 31, 1917

I submit herewith my twenty-third Annual Report, which is the fifty-second since the establishment of the institution. The year ended today has been the most strenuous that I have known. The high cost of living and other unusual conditions incident to the war period have presented new and difficult problems. The members of the faculty and the student body have worked together cordially and the year will go down into history as one of the pleasantest and most profitable. While the average age of the student body is considerably less than it was years ago, thereby adding somewhat to the problems of discipline and administration, a high scholarship has been maintained and the grade of work of the institution has been raised.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.—During the winter special evangelistic services were held several times a day for a week under the direction of Rev. Leroy Butler, evangelist of the Southern Baptist Convention. Rev. Dr. Bruner, superintendent of evangelistic work of the Southern Baptist Convention, was very willing to assign Mr. Butler to Shaw University without compensation. This attitude on the part of the Southern Baptist Convention was greatly appreciated, as is also the kindly feeling of the white Baptist State Convention toward the work and religious activities of Shaw University. Voluntary bible study classes have been carried on as in the past. The Young Men's Christian Association under the direction of Prof. W. C. Craver

has rendered good service. While the temperance work has not suffered, it has not been stressed as usual on account of the temporary absence of Miss Elsie M. Bryant, who will be with us next year. The Sunday-school teacher training has received constant attention under the direction of Prof. Craver and student assistants. Diplomas were awarded as usual on Commencement Day to all who had completed the course in teacher training study. This is a very important feature of the work at Shaw University and means much toward the development of consecrated, Christian laymen who will make themselves felt in their respective churches and communities in the years to come.

Community service has also been emphasized. It was more necessary this year on account of the severe winter. A teacher training Sunday-school, made up of children from the city who would not otherwise attend any Sunday-school, has been successfully carried on by members of the Faculty, assisted by students.

HEALTH.—The health conditions have been kept up to the usual standards and there has been very little sickness. The best of water is furnished by the city and in abundant quantities for all purposes. All of our large buildings are connected with the city sewerage system.

COURSES OF STUDY—The four years' B.S. course in medicine has done good work, and, as the department becomes more widely known, the attendance will increase.

I renew my recommendation made several times for

the establishment of a school of Dentistry. Such a school can be carried on without much additional expense for the reason that some of the subjects taken in the course of Dentistry are offered in Medicine and Pharmacy.

The practice school had an enrollment of seventy-five. Many were refused admission for lack of room and teachers. The closing exercises just preceding the regular Commencement were very creditable. I regret to inform you that Miss Anna E. Foster, the teacher in charge for the last two years, has resigned to take up missionary work in China next autumn.

Progress has been made in changing the medical dormitory into a home for the Theological department, but the work is not completed. Active steps should be taken at once to secure additional funds so that the original plans can be carried out.

FINANCES.—I have already said that the year has been the most strenuous that I have known. Notwithstanding the high cost of living all bills to date have been paid and \$1500.00 paid on the indebtedness reducing the total indebtedness of Shaw University to \$1000.00. We received from the contributors to the Shaw University Semi-centennial Christmas and New Year's Club \$1300.62. About 65 per cent. of this sum was contributed by the graduates and other colored friends of Shaw University. These contributions varied from \$50.00 to 50 cents. The balance was received from white friends whose contributions ranged from \$125.00 to \$1.00.

Too much credit cannot be given to the Executive

Board and the State Convention for the funds expended in preparing a new home for the Theological department. Dr. A. M. Moore has been especially active and the work has been done under the supervision of Dean Charles R. Frazer by Prof. G. A. Edwards, superintendent of the Men's Industrial department and student assistants.

The physical conditions are just barely normal. Some of the buildings need painting and new floors should be laid in most of the older buildings.

The changes contemplated in the hospital building have not yet been made for lack of funds. The old Pharmacy building has been remodelled on the first floor and three rooms provided for the teacher training school with the necessary toilet facilities.

HIGHER SALARIES.—I renew my recommendation made several times for an increase in salaries. I am happy to inform you that Rev. Gilbert N. Brink, D. D., Superintendent of Education of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, has sent me a tentative plan for readjustment of salaries and asking my recommendations for each individual position at Shaw University. While our Society is hard pressed for funds, especially during these war times, we are hoping that something can be done to relieve the awkward situation in which teachers find themselves on account of the high cost of living. Were it not for their devotion to the cause and their fondness for the institution several would have gone elsewhere.

HIGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AND GRADUATION.—These requirements, put into

commission a few years ago, have proved satisfactory. We have never sent out so many well equipped graduates as this year. Notwithstanding the abolishing of the Law course and the four years' course in Medicine, the attendance has increased until the enrollment in all departments for the year ended today is 403.

I renew my recommendations for the completion of the gymnasium and the Y.M.C.A. building. This is one of the great needs of Shaw University. As soon as the Theological building is completed, steps should be taken to provide better facilities for looking after the spiritual and physical interests of our students.

I renew my recommendation for the permanent establishment of a summer school. I understand the financial difficulties that this enterprise means, but it would be very profitable to the denomination and the State if such a school could be established. Raleigh is exceptionally well located for such a school and the people of the State are always very fond of visiting the city. Such a school, established on our campus, would prove to be in a few years one of the great summer attractions of the city. I am happy to announce that the next session of the North Carolina Teachers' Association will be held at Shaw about the middle of June.

COMMENCEMENT.—At the annual Commencement held on May 10th there were graduated forty-three students as follows: With the degree of B. S. in Medicine one; with the degree of B. S. three; with the degree of A. B. three; with the degree of B. Th. one; with the degree of Ph. G. two; with diploma in Education, three; with diploma from the Academy thirty-

one.

The usual exercises were held during Commencement week and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the Commencement of 1917 was the best in the history of the institution.

I append herewith my financial report, a copy of which has already been forwarded to Mr. F. T. Moulton, Treasurer.

Annual Financial Report of Shaw University to the American Baptist Home Mission Society

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 1916, AND END-
ING MAY 31, 1917
INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

From tuition, board and room rent.....	\$16,559 81
Old accounts	81 00
Books etc., sold to students.....	777 56
Products made in Industrial Dept.....	72 60
American Baptist Home Mission So- ciety	14,535 10
Woman's Home Mission Society, Chi- cago	1,050 00
Slater Fund	2,000 00
Negroes, Churches, etc.	354 82
Whites, Churches, etc.	251 65
Diplomas and certificates	195 50
Students' Deposits	1,859 29
All other sources	5,238 23

Total receipts \$42,975 56

EXPENDITURES

Boarding Department:

Food supplies	\$ 6,439 00
Other supplies	320 47
Wages—Cook, etc.	315 66
Student labor	965 75
Laundry, supplies and expenses.....	38 48
Light	805 43

Department of Instruction:

Salaries	13,943 30
Fees	379 40
Books and supplies	1,435 45
Library	10 50
Miscellaneous	617 74

Administration:

Salaries, President, Secretary, etc....	1,969 70
Postage and stationery	467 72
Traveling	604 18
Miscellaneous	2,851 97

Maintenance of buildings and grounds:

Heat	1,782 88
Wages, Engineer, Janitor, etc.....	1,035 98
Student labor	441 76
Repairs and renewals	1,232 13
Miscellaneous	52 50

Buildings and additions thereto:

Equipment	523 71
Note, Citizens National Bank.....	1,460 40
Scholarship	35 00
Wages	330 63

Miscellaneous	2,502 37
Water	271 62
Athletic Association	324 00
Theological Dept.	12 03
Prizes	7 50
Students' withdrawals	1,859 29

Total expenditures \$43,036 55

CASH ACCOUNT

Balance in treasury beginning
of year \$ 341 01
Receipts during year..... 42,975 56

Total\$ 43,316 57
Disbursements during year ... \$43,036 55
Balance in treasury end of
year 280 02

Total\$ 43,316 57

BILLS RECEIVABLE

From students for tuition and board.....\$ 154 50
L. S. Mathews Co..... 40 00

BILLS PAYABLE

Note Citizens National Bank, Raleigh..... \$ 1,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,

President

